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SUBJECT: KOREAN PRESS REPORTS CHIAO KUAN-HUA SPEECH ON KOREA

1. SEOUL PRESS AUGUST 29 AND SEPTEMBER 2 CARRIED REPORT EMANATING FROM TAIPEI THAT PRC FON MIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA SAID IN MAY 20 SPEECH PRC WOULD SEND TROOPS TO KOREA IF IMPERIALISTS INVADED NORTH KOREA OR IF RENEWED KOREAN FIGHTING REACHED YALU RIVER BORDER. SPEECH WAS REPORTEDLY MADE IN TIENTSIN AND OBTAINED BY ROC AGENTS OPERATING IN PRC. PRESS, QUOTING "SOME DIPLOMATS," CHARACTERIZED SPEECH AS TANTAMOUNT TO ENCOURAGEMENT FOR NORTH KOREANS TO RE-INVADE SOUTH KOREA RATHER THAN A RESTRAINT ON THE NORTH.

2. DIFFERENCE IN EMPHASIS FROM TAIPEI CNA REPORT RECEIVED HERE AUGUST 28 IS NOTABLE. CNA QUOTES CHIAO AS SAYING "CHINESE COMMUNISTS WILL NOT SEND TROOPS TO SUPPORT NORTH KOREANS FOR AN INVASION AGAINST THE SOUTH IF THE CONFLICT INVOLVES ONLY THE KOREANS." CNA ALSO SAYS "WE WILL SEND TROOPS TO THEIR RESCUE ONLY WHEN KOREA IS A VICTIM OF IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION AND WHEN THE BATTLE HAS REACHED THE

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YALU RIVER, OTHERWISE WE WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH ONLY MORAL

AND MATERIAL SUPPORT."

3. PRESS HERE FOLLOWED CNA ACCOUNT REGARDING CHIAO WARNING THAT NORTH KOREANS MUST RESIST REVISIONISTS AS WELL AS IMPERIALISTS. PRESS ALSO REPORTED HIS ADMONITION THAT KOREAN PENINSULA NOT SUITED FOR VIET-NAM TYPE GUERILLA WAR. PRESS SAID JAPAN WAS ATTENTIVELY WATCHING KOREA DEVELOPMENTS BUT DID NOT MENTION CHIAO'S CONCERN REPORTED CNA THAT "MILITARISM WILL STAGE A COMEBACK IN JAPAN AS A RESULT OF A NEW KOREAN WAR."

4. EMBASSY WILL INSURE THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CNA TEXT AND SEOUL PRESS ACCOUNTS COME TO ATTENTION OF RESPONSIBLE MOFA OFFICIALS.
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